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VEGETABLES

Beans—Green Pod Dwarf.
Beans—Wax or Butter Dwarf.
Beans—Pole Butter.
Beet—Best Round.
Beet—Best Long.
Borecole, or Kail.
Carrot—Shorthorn.
Carrot—Long Orange.
Cabbage—Late Flat.
Cabbage—Long Keeper.
Cauliflower—Main Crop.
Cucumber—For Slicing.
Cucumber—For Pickle.
Corn—Early.
Corn—Late.
Celery—White Choicest.
Celery—Red Early.
Cress—Curled.
Lettuce—Curly.
Lettuce—Healing.
Lemon—Large Flat.
Muskmelon—Earliest and Best.
Watermelon—Sweetest.
Citron—For Preserve.
Onion—Large Yellow.
Onion—Best Red.
Onion—Large White.
Onion—White Pickling.
Pepper—Long Red.
Parsnip—Best Long.
Parsley—For Garnishing.
Pumpkin—For Pie.
Peas—Dwarf Early.
Peas—Medium Early.
Peas—Sugar.
Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.
Radish—Long Summer.
Radish—Round Summer.
Radish—Winter.
Squash—Summer Marrow.
Squash—Winter Keeping.
Tobacco—Hardest kind.
Tomato—Early Large Red.
Tomato—Yellow Plum.
Tomato—For Preserve.
Turnip—White, for Garden.
Turnip—Yellow, for Garden.
Turnip—Swede, for Garden.
Sage.
Summer Savory.

FLOWERS

Alyssum—Sweet.
Aster—Tall, Mixture.
Aster—Dwarf, Mixture.
Balsam—Camellia Flowered.
Bartonia—Golden.
Calendula, or English Marigold.
Callipais—Mixed.
Canary Bird—Climber.
Candytuft—Best Colors Mixed.
Candytuft—Fragrant White.
Chrysanthemum—Double Annual.
Dianthus—Indian Pink.
Dolphins—Larkspur.
Gallardia—Large Flowered.
Marigold—Tall African.
Marigold—Dwarf French.
Mignonette—Sweet.
Nasturtium—Tall, Mixed.
Nasturtium—Dwarf, Mixed.
Pansy—Simmers' Premium.
Petunia—Large, Mixed.
Phlox Drummondii—Mixed.
Poppy Shirley—Mixed.
Poppy—Carnation Flowered.
Portulaca—Single, Mixed.
Salpiglossis—Large Flowering.
Scabiosa—Tall, Mixed.
Scarlet Runner Beans.
Stocks—German, Ten Weeks.
Sunflower—Best Double.
Sweet Peas—Eckford's Mixed.
Verbena—Mammoth, Mixed.
Zinnia—Double, Mixed.
Wild Garden Mixture.

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She Noddit to Me!

(A Favorite with the Queen.)

The following little poem, "She Noddit to Me," was published about sixteen years ago in the *Aberdeen Journal*. The poem pleased the Queen so much that she ordered a copy of the northern paper to be sent to her regularly.

I'm but an auld body
Livin' up in Dooside,
In a two-room'd bit hoosie
Wi' a roofa' beside.
Wi' a coo and my grumpy
I'm as happy's a bee,
But I'm far prooder noo
Since she noddit to me.

I'm nae sae far past wi't,
I'm gie trig and hale—
Can plant twa-three tawties
An' look after my kail;
An' when oor Queen passes
I'm oot to see,
Gin by luck she micht notice
An' noddit to me!

But I've aye been unlucky,
An' the blinds were aye doon,
Till last week the time
O' her veesit cam roon'
I waved my bit apron
As brisk's I could dae,
An' the Queen lauch'd fu' kindly
An' noddit to me!

My son sleeps in Egypt—
It's nae ease to freit—
An' yet when I think o't
I'm sair like to greet.
She may feel for my sorrow—
She's a mither ye see—
An' maybe she kent o't
When she noddit to me!

A True Lady Must be Unselfish.

To be a lady, a girl, in the first place, must be truly unselfish. No one who is greedy for her own advantage, self-seeking in all her contact with others, can attain the gentleness, the courtesy, the loveliness of manner, which are the very essence of ladyhood. One of the prettiest ways of speaking of a lady is to call her a *gentlewoman*, and that means, in our day, some one in sympathy with every pure and good and delicate thought, whose manner is kind and conciliating, whose voice is gentle, who is thoughtful of others.

In old English days and in the early use of the English language, a lady was the wife or daughter of a man of title and aristocratic birth; to-day, in our country, the highest meaning of the title is that such or such a young woman is in sympathy with all that is elevated and improving; is sternly determined not to have any connection with what is "loud" or vulgar, keeps aloof from coarse and unworthy companions, and guards herself and her home from every low and doubtful pleasure or amusement, even though these may have the sanction of both fashion and popularity.

Wives, Show This to Husbands.

A SUNSHINY husband makes a merry, beautiful home, worth having, worth working for. If a man is breezy, cheery, considerate and sympathetic, his wife sings in her heart over her puddings and mending basket, counts the hours till he returns at night, and renews her youth in the security she feels of his approbation and admiration. You may think it weak or childish, if you please, but it is the admired wife who hears words of praise and receives smiles of commendation, who is capable, discreet and executive. I have seen a timid, meek, self-distrusting little body fairly bloom into strong, self-reliant womanhood, under the tone and the cordial of companionship with a

husband who really went out of his way to find occasion for showing her how fully he trusted her judgment, and how tenderly he deferred to her opinion. In home life there should be no jar, no striving for place, no insisting on prerogatives, or division of interest. The husband and the wife are each the complement of the other. And it is just as much his duty to be cheerful as it is hers to be patient; his right to bring joy into the door as it is hers to sweep and garnish the pleasant interior. A family where the daily walk of the father makes life a festival is filled with something like heavenly benediction.

Apologies, with a Coupon Attachment.

A TEACHER in one of our public schools who had been much annoyed by truancy, has recently been stringent in enforcing the rule that her scholars, on their return to school after an absence, must bring her a note stating in full the cause of such absence, the note to be in writing of a parent or guardian. The following is a note brought by one of her pupils after two weeks' absence:

"Louisa was absent monday, please excuse her.

"Louisa was absent toosday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent wensday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent thursday, she had a sore throte.

"Louisa was absent friday, she had a sore throte and could not chew her food.

"Read this over again for the next week."

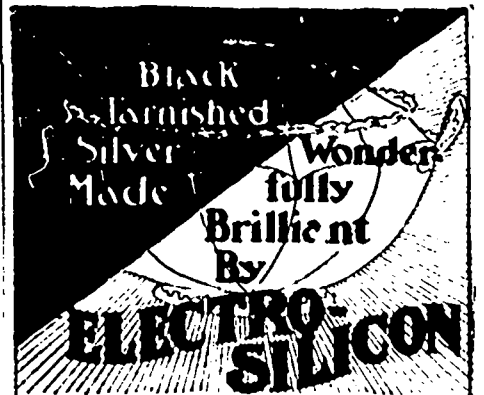
Growing Importance of Electricity as a Motor Power.

For a short time there was considerable discussion as to the relative importance of electricity, compressed air and gasoline as the motive power for the infinite variety of modern horseless conveyances, and large sums were expended by the manufacturers in testing these different forces as to their speed, economy and the simplicity of machinery required. Constructors of horseless vehicles, both in this country and in Europe, have spared no amount of time and expense in arriving at the conclusion that, from every point of view, electricity has won over all forces that have ever been brought to bear in moving the world's new mechanical schemes. It is clean, free from odors of any kind, and economical. It has, however, one disadvantage, which the electricians are earnestly struggling to overcome, and that is the weight of the storage battery, which necessitates a heavily constructed vehicle, and a necessary waste of the electrical force in propelling the mechanism of the running gear.

A Church in a Railway Train.

Not the least remarkable feature of the new Trans-Siberian Railway are the cars fitted up as churches which accompany the trains on their long journey of nearly 4,000 miles across Northern Asia from St. Petersburg.

Besides the priests, a pope, or some cleric specially nominated by the Holy Synod, travels about from station to station in each of these church cars. The numerous windows in the church on wheels are all very elaborately designed, each exhibiting the pointed arch so characteristic of ecclesiastical architecture. In the interior of the car is an ikonostasis, or wall of sacred pictures, and the whole of the interior is fitted up in very costly fashion. Over the entrance provided for the congregation, which is called the Imperial Door, is placed a picture of the Annunciation, as is customary in every sacred



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any of the Greek Church. At one end of the car a minute belfry is fitted with two very sweetly-toned bells, which tingle merrily as the train winds its way across the snowy solitudes of Siberia.

The Virtues of the Apple.

THE apple, says Dr. G. R. Searles, is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. Every-body ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up; but no harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of a couple of ripe and juicy apples just before the hour for going to bed.

COLD WATER FOR STAINS. Cold water can do no harm to any material that is washable. It will often remove stains better than any other agent, and should be given the first chance, unless in a case where it is known that it has no power on the stain or that it is not so good as some other agent. It should always be used for blood stains, meat juice, white of egg, or other albuminous substances.

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